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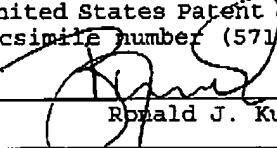
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 20, 2009

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

(I) Claims 1-16, identified by the Examiner as being directed to an epoxy resin composition (for carbon-fiber-reinforced composite materials) and a corresponding prepeg;

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(II) Claims 17 and 18-26, identified by the Examiner as being directed to a carbon-fiber-reinforced composite sheet and an integrated molding comprising said sheet; and

(III) Claims 17 and 27-42, identified by the Examiner as being directed to a carbon-fiber-reinforced composite sheet and a fiber-reinforced composite sheet comprising said sheet.

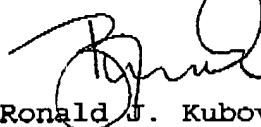
Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), Claims 1-16, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

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